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TION TO CURRENT SPECIAL UNGA HAS ALREADY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RESERVE ON LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN PARA 3(E) OF CURRENT VERSION OF LDC DRAFT (REFTEL. WHEN WE ASKED WHAT "RESERVE" MEANT IN THIS CONTEXT, FONOFF OFFICIAL SAID DENMARK IS IN FACT OPPOSED TO LDC DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR SAME REASONS AS U.S. HE LEFT UNCLEAR WHETHER DENMARK WOULD ACTIVELY OPPOSE LANGUAGE, NOTING THAT WHEN SIMILARLY WORDED IRQI RESOLUTION WAS PRESENTED AT LAST FALL'S UNGA, DENMARK ABSTAINED.

2. COMMENT: SINCE DENMARK HAS MODEST BUT IMPORTANT PRIVATE BUSINESS INVESTMENTS IN LDCS, PRESENT LDC DRAFT RESOLUTION WOULD CLEARLY BE AGAINST DANISH INERESTS AS WELL AS AGAINST GENERAL PRINCIPLES SUPPORTED BY DENMARK IN THE PAST. ON OTHER HAND, VOCAL DOMESTIC POLITICAL ELEMENTS ARE ALWAYS READY TO BLEED FOR ANY CAUSE SUGGESTING POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION OF LDCS BY INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISTS. GOVERNMENT THEREFORE USUALLY FINDS IT PRUDENT NOT TO GET OUT IN FRONT ON SUCH ISSUES. CROWE

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